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SUBJECT: KIM YONG-SAM VISITS WASHINGTON FROM 1/20

SUMMARY: NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) EX-PRESIDENT KIM WILL VISIT US FROM JANUARY 7 AND WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON KOREA COUNTRY DIRECTOR AFTER HE REACHES WASHINGTON, AROUND JANUARY 20. KIM TOOK TOUCH LINE AGAINST US TROOP WITHDRAWAL. END SUMMARY.

1. KIM YONG-SAM, OPPOSITION NDP POLITICIAN AND PRESIDENT OF NDP UNTIL 6/76 PARTY CONVENTION, TOLD AMBASSADOR JANUARY 6 THAT HE WILL VISIT WASHINGTON FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS, STARTING JANUARY 20. IN WASHINGTON, KIM WILL TRY TO GET GENERAL FEELING FOR US AND NEW ADMINISTRATION. KIM ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET WITH USG OFFICIALS. WHILE POINTING OUT THAT JANUARY WOULD BE EARLY TO MEET OFFICIALS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION, AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED KIM CONTACT KOREA COUNTRY DIRECTOR.

2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, KIM FIRMLY OPPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM KOREA, ON GROUNDS THAT ROK IS STRONG ONLY BECAUSE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FROM PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES. ANY PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW GROUND TROOPS, EVEN IF AIR FORCE REMAINED, WOULD MEAN "END OF ROK," KIM
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WARNED, ADDING HE WOULD TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON. ON DOMESTIC MATTERS, KIM EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FORECAST THAT ROKG WOULD NOT RELEASE KIM TAE-JUNG AND OTHER MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS. KIM ALSO EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JUST ENDED, SAYING NDP HAD ACTED "TOO MUCH LIKE ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES." AFTER HIS RETURN, KIM SAID, HE WOULD WORK TO

IMPROVE NDP'S IMAGE AND TO RETURN PARTY TO SYSTEM OF
ONE-MAN LEADERSHIP AT PARTY CONVENTION HE HOPES TO HAVE
CALLED NEXT FALL. MEMCON TO FOLLOW.
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